

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): YOSHIOKA, et al.
 Serial No.: 09/493,104
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 For: METHOD OF PROCESSING SPECIMENS, AND
 APPARATUS THEREFOR AND A METHOD OF
 MANUFACTURE OF A MAGNETIC HEAD
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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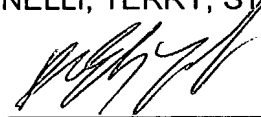
In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within a third-month time period subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed June 16, 2003. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (503.38156X00) and any excess fees credited to that account.

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